

Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>003300-737</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re F	Patent Application of)	
Kjell OLMARKER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1647
Applic	cation No.: 09/760,810)	Examiner: Jegatheesan Seharaseyon
Filed:	January 17, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 4391
For:	USE OF CERTAIN METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS FOR TREATING NERVE DISORDERS MEDIATED BY NUCLEUS PULPOSUS (As-Amended)))))))	VIA FACSIMILE: (703) 746-5177 TELEPHONE: (703) 305-1112

AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is filed in complete response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002 (Paper No. 13). Also submitted herewith is a Petition and corresponding fee for an one-month extension of time, which extends the period of response until September 21, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please substitute the following title for the current title:

ÚSE OF CERTAIN METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS FOR TREATING NERVE DISORDERS MEDIATED BY NUCLEUS PULPOSUS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, and 47 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

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